

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) An ink for ink-jet recording comprising tripropylene glycol normal butyl ether, an acrylic polymer, a water-insoluble coloring agent, and water.
2. (Currently Amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble coloring agent is self-dispersing type carbon black.
3. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1, wherein a blending ratio of the tripropylene glycol normal butyl ether with respect to the acrylic polymer is 0.5 to 2 on the basis of weight.
4. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1, wherein a content of the tripropylene glycol normal butyl ether is 0.5 to 5% by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.
5. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1, wherein a content of the acrylic polymer is 0.1 to 5% by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.
6. (Original) An ink cartridge comprising the ink as defined in claim 1.

7. (Original) An ink for ink-jet recording comprising dipropylene glycol normal propyl ether, an acrylic polymer, a water-insoluble coloring agent, and water.
8. (Currently Amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 7, wherein the water-insoluble coloring agent is self-dispersing ~~type~~ carbon black.
9. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 7, wherein a blending ratio of the dipropylene glycol normal propyl ether with respect to the acrylic polymer is 0.5 to 2 on the basis of weight.
10. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 7, wherein a content of the dipropylene glycol normal propyl ether is 0.5 to 5% by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.
11. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 7, wherein a content of the acrylic polymer is 0.1 to 5% by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.
12. (Original) An ink cartridge comprising the ink as defined in claim 7.